

"Investing Money God's Way"
Matthew 6:19-21

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it." Psalms 24:1

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"
Luke 16:11

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." Matthew 6:19, 20

"Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked I will return to the grave. You take nothing with you." Job 1:21

"Each man's life is but a breath." Psalm 39:5

"Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good." 1 Timothy 6:17-18a

"They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need; always ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in Heaven. It is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well." 1 Timothy 6:18b, 19

Six investments funds:

1. Growth fund

"The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin."
Proverbs 10:16

"Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52

"Invest in truth and wisdom, disciplines and good sense, and don't part with them!" Proverbs 23:23

"It is much better to have wisdom and knowledge than gold and silver." Proverbs 16:16

"Why do you spend your money on food that doesn't give you strength and does you no good? Listen and I'll tell you where to get food that is good for the soul." Isaiah 55:2

2. Mutual fund

"Love one another with mutual affection." Romans 12:10

"Share what you have with God's people who are in need. Show hospitality." Romans 12:13

"Think of ways to encourage one another with outbursts of love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24

Why should I do this?

- It proves I am in God's family

"This service of giving not only helps the needs of God's people, it also brings many more thanks to God and it is a proof of your faith. Many people will praise God because you obey the Good News of Christ, the gospel you say you believe and because you freely share with them." 2 Corinthians 9:12, 13

- It creates unity

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." Psalm 133:1

- It is a witness to unbelievers

"When you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible." 3 John 1:5

3. Service Fund

"Be generous; Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns. Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others. This could be your last night." Ecclesiastes 11:1, 2

"Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing and you say, 'God bless you, stay warm, and eat well.' But then you don't give them any food or clothing, what good does that do? Faith that doesn't show itself by good works, by good deeds, is not faith at all, in fact it is dead and useless." James 2:15-17

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger but the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller." Proverbs 11:24

"Give to the poor and you'll never be in need. But if you close your eyes to the poor many will curse you." Proverbs 28:27

"When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord, and He will pay you back!" Proverbs 19:17

4. Global Fund

"Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Luke 16:9

"We must support believers who go on trips like this so that we can work together with them in spreading the truth." 3 John 1:8

"You honor God through this genuine act of service in your commitment to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through your generosity in sharing." 2 Corinthians 9:13

5. Treasury Fund

"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income and he will fill your barns...and overflow your barrels..." Proverbs 3:9

Three reasons to give my money: Act of gratitude, act of priority, act of faith.

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives." Deuteronomy 14:23

"On every Lord's day, you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week and use it for the offering. This amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you to earn." 1 Corinthians 16:2

My giving should be predictable, planned and proportional.

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth." Psalm 96:8, 9

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' 'In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse – the whole nation of you – because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven, and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,' says the Lord Almighty. 'Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,' says the Lord Almighty." Malachi 3:8-12

"Wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

"Give up the lust for money...the Almighty himself will be your treasure!" Job 22:24-25

6. Building fund